

2016 PERSONAL USE DEAD POST & POLE CUTTING REGULATIONS

NORTH KAIBAB RANGER DISTRICT

The **Travel Management Plan** has been implemented for the North Kaibab. The provided **Motor User Vehicle Map (MVUM)** will display the signed and numbered roads on the district which can be driven with motorized vehicles.

HOW DOES TRAVEL MANAGEMENT AFFECT PERMITTEE POST/POLE GATHERERS? It depends if you are cutting/gathering in the pinyon pine/juniper timber (PJ) down low, or if you're in the ponderosa pine, aspen, spruce and/or fir timber at higher elevations:

Within the Pinyon Pine and Juniper (PJ) woodland timber (Yellow colored areas on the post/pole map), wood cutters are not allowed to drive motor vehicles **beyond 30 feet** from designated signed access road edges as shown on the **post/pole map**. The 2016 post/pole map currently displays all the MVUM approved roads that occur in the PJ. Wood can still be gathered beyond the 30 foot distance by foot or horseback; wood can be dragged or hauled back to the roadway by hand or with use of wheel barrows. Please travel on "signed" roads only in this PJ timber.

Within the Ponderosa Pine, Spruce, Fir and/or Aspen timber (white or green colored areas on the post/pole map), retrieval of post/poles may be accomplished by **"one-trip-in and one-trip-out" off-road motorized travel provided it is the most direct route in and out.** Off-road travel is not permitted to "scout" or look for wood. One can look for wood by hiking, horseback, or visual observation from the road first, beyond the 30-foot mark from the roadway edge. The current post/pole map does not show all the MVUM approved roads at the higher elevations within the map's white and green shaded areas since there are too many roads to display.

PLEASE HELP PROTECT OUR MEADOWS ! **No motorized travel across meadows** (including but not limited to meadows such as Pleasant Valley and DeMotte). The "one-trip-in and one-trip-out" mentioned above does NOT include crossing meadows.

Within the Oak, (yellow and sometimes white colored areas on the post/pole map), which occurs typically at the low to mid elevations, Permittees should follow the above mentioned rules depending on which area they are in.

WHAT IS THE PRICE OF POST/POLES? See last page of this handout for the price list. All personal use post/pole permits will be a minimum \$20 charge with a \$300 MAXIMUM per permit.

HOW TO MEASURE POST/POLES? Dead pine, spruce, fir, juniper or aspen posts and/or poles are measured by length and diameter. A post or pole has 3 diameters to consider: top diameter, bottom diameter and mid-point diameter. Diameter is measured in inches and length is measured in feet. Permits will define: number of post/poles, length of posts/poles, MID-point diameter of post/poles, and species of poles (pine/spruce/fir or aspen or juniper).

If a Forest Officer or Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) checks your permit, they will be looking to see that you have the correct number, length, and midpoint diameter and species of post/poles in possession, comparing it with the permit.

REMEMBER: MID-point diameter of post/poles is entered on permit and you are given a 1 inch plus or minus lee way on diameter selection for pine/spruce/fir and aspen. The length, species, and number of post/poles should match permit. Dead juniper posts are the only exception, and are sold by the piece, with no midpoint diameter considerations. Juniper grows short with a lot of taper so typically unsuitable for poles, but they do make good fence posts.

Therefore customer must buy at least 80 dead juniper posts (80 posts x \$.25 ea. = \$20.00) to reach the \$20 minimum, unless they are also buying poles on same permit with total value of posts and poles being at least \$20 and not over \$300.



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What Size of Tree/Log and What Species can I Cut?

- In approved un-restricted areas, any species of wood, in any diameter already lying on the ground may be cut up and removed.
- Standing dead tree diameters are measured at Diameter at Breast Height (DBH), which is defined as the diameter of a tree 4 ½ feet above the ground. If you are on a slope, this is 4 ½ feet above the ground on the uphill side.
- A standing dead Ponderosa Pine, Fir, Spruce or Aspen that has a stem size less than 12 inches D.B.H. may be cut regardless of the tree height.
- A standing dead Ponderosa Pine, Fir, or Spruce which has a total height less than 15 feet may be cut regardless of the stem size (DBH).
- A standing dead Pinyon Pine which has a stem size less than 10 inches DBH may be cut regardless of height.
- A dead Pinyon Pine that has a total height less than 12 feet may be cut regardless of stem size (DBH).
- A standing dead Juniper may be cut of any height or DBH.
- A standing dead Oak that has a stem diameter less than 8 inches DBH. may be cut regardless of the tree height.

If you are not certain of height or stem size of a standing dead tree, “Do Not Cut the Tree,” as Larger Dead Standing Trees are Very Valuable for Wildlife & the Forest Ecosystem.

POST/POLE CUTTING/GATHERING AREAS: Downed wood already on the ground and/or dead standing wood meeting the above section’s species and size specifications may be cut if they occur in a non-restricted area within the white, green or yellow shaded areas of the District post/pole map.

NO POST/POLE CUTTING/GATHERING RESTRICTED AREAS: Please avoid wood gathering from administrative sites, study areas or developed recreation sites, including developed campgrounds, picnic areas, trailheads and interpretive sites. Commercial timber sale and other contract areas are also excluded from cutting under this permit. Trees with signs, tags or paint may not be removed. No wood may be cut where it would result in damage to any improvements such as buildings, fences, roads, power lines, etc.. Additional unforeseen restricted no cutting or gathering areas and/or periods may occur on the district due to environmental conditions such as, but not limited to: **high fire danger; planned or unplanned fire ignitions; etc.** Please check with the North Kaibab District Office for current restriction information at **928-643-7395**.

DON ‘T DRIVE OFF ANY ROAD WHEN TRAVEL WILL DAMAGE SOILS, particularly when **ground conditions are thawed, wet or muddy).**

DO NOT USE HEAVY EQUIPMENT OFF-ROAD TO SKID OR LOAD POST/POLES. The use of Heavy Equipment (Tractors, skidders, forklifts, or track driven machinery) is **NOT ALLOWED** for gathering or loading post/poles off-road with this permit.

What Fire Precautions Must I Take?

- Power saws must have a muffler in good condition and be equipped with a stainless steel screen (**spark arrestor**) with a maximum gap/opening of 0.23 inches. Keep your shovel and fire extinguisher available at all times.
- Never set a hot powersaw on dry flammable materials. Place it on bare ground, a rock or a tree stump.
- Prior to starting saw, move it at least 10 feet away from where it was fueled and away from gasoline vapors.
- Remain in the area at least 30 minutes after you have completed cutting, to insure that a stray spark from your saw has not started a fire.
- If you start a warming and/or cooking fire, please extinguish it completely with water before you leave.

What if I Encounter a California Condor while Gathering Post/Poles? Permittees are required to protect condors by ensuring no garbage, toxic materials or open fluid containers are accessible in the open. If condors are seen, please do not



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interact with them; and you are asked to contact the North Kaibab Ranger District at (928) 643-7395 to let the District Biologist know when and where the condors were sited.

How Do I Document Post/Pole Removal? Permittees must also fill out the Product Quantity Removal Record in INK on the permit prior to leaving the collection area.

Questions? Please contact the District office by phone at **928-643-7395** or visit us at 430 S. Main Street in Fredonia, Arizona (open 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Mon.-Fri.). As available, updates and regulations can be found at our Kaibab National Forest website found at: http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/kaibab/passes-permits/forestproducts/?cid=FSM91_050217

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I have read the 2016 personal use paid post & pole cutting regulations herein and I understand and agree to the terms and conditions of this permit.

Signature of Permittee

Date

PLEASE HELP PROTECT OUR RESOURCES!
BE SAFE AND ENJOY YOUR POST/POLE GATHERING EXPERIENCE!

PACK IT IN PACK IT OUT... Please remove all trash!!! Help Keep our Forest Beautiful!!!



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NORTH KAIBAB RANGER DISTRICT 2016 DEAD PER PIECE PRICE TABLE (PINE/SPRUCE/FIR/ASPEN)

LARGE END DIAMETER (Inches)	AVERAGE MID POINT DIAMETER (Inches)	SMALL END DIAMETER (Inches)	LENGTH IN FEET	PRICE PER POLE	VOLUME PER POLE in CCF to enter into TIM	Number of Poles to make at least \$20	Price closest to \$20 min.	Associated Volume to report to for closest \$20 min.
6	6	5	5	\$.10	.01 ccf	200	\$20.00	2.00CCF
6	6	5	6	\$.10	.01 ccf	200	\$20.00	2.00CCF
6	6	5	8	\$.10	.01 ccf	200	\$20.00	2.00CCF
6	6	5	10	\$.20	.02 ccf	100	\$20.00	2.00CCF
6	5	4	12	\$.20	.02 ccf	100	\$20.00	2.00CCF
6	5	4	14	\$.20	.02 ccf	100	\$20.00	2.00CCF
6	5	4	16	\$.20	.02 ccf	100	\$20.00	2.00CCF
8	8	7	5	\$.20	.02 ccf	100	\$20.00	2.00CCF
8	8	7	6	\$.20	.02 ccf	100	\$20.00	2.00CCF
8	8	7	8	\$.20	.02 ccf	100	\$20.00	2.00CCF
8	8	7	10	\$.30	.03 ccf	67	\$20.10	2.01 CCF
8	7	6	12	\$.30	.03 ccf	67	\$20.10	2.01 CCF
8	7	6	14	\$.40	.04 ccf	50	\$20.00	2.00CCF
8	7	6	16	\$.40	.04 ccf	50	\$20.00	2.00CCF
8	7	6	18	\$.50	.05 ccf	40	\$20.00	2.00CCF
8	7	5	20	\$.50	.05 ccf	40	\$20.00	2.00CCF
10	9	9	5	\$.20	.02 ccf	100	\$20.00	2.00CCF
10	9	9	6	\$.30	.03 ccf	67	\$20.10	2.01 CCF
10	9	9	8	\$.40	.04 ccf	50	\$20.00	2.00CCF
10	9	9	10	\$.50	.05 ccf	40	\$20.00	2.00CCF
10	9	8	12	\$.50	.05 ccf	40	\$20.00	2.00CCF
10	9	8	14	\$.60	.06 ccf	34	\$20.40	2.04 CCF
10	9	8	16	\$.70	.07 ccf	29	\$20.30	2.03 CCF
10	9	8	18	\$.80	.08 ccf	25	\$20.00	2.00CCF
10	8	7	20	\$.80	.08 ccf	25	\$20.00	2.00CCF

Dead Juniper Posts are set at a flat \$.25 each.